



# COMMUNITY NEWS

District 2

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## Here's A Great Idea: Light Your Home Effectively



Is \$3 a month an acceptable amount to spend to feel safe in your home? How about 75 cents? If you could cut the cost to \$3 per year, would it be worth it?

Effective lighting has proven to be the only thing that reduces outdoor crime at night. Ever since 1658 when the city of Paris, France tested a streetlight to reduce "larceny," people have felt safer when their homes are lit effectively.

A 100-watt incandescent bulb (standard light bulb) can shine for 10 hours at night for around 10 cents. In a month, this can cost \$3. The light positioned on your home to eliminate dark areas could mean the difference between home safety and theft.

The cost can be reduced by using a 25-watt compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulb that emits the same amount of light as the 100-watt incandescent, but will last 10 times as long at ¼ the price. If a motion sensitive fixture is used, the cost will be reduced even further because the light is only on when motion activates the fixture for a preset number of minutes.

If you park your car on the driveway (not a good idea from a crime prevention standpoint), you can reduce the chance of theft by installing a "dusk to dawn" motion sensor light. Thieves don't know if the person turned on the light or it was automatic. That indecision could be enough to make the thief move on to another target. These fixtures have to be adjusted to make sure small animals and birds don't activate the light.

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## From The Desk Of Commander Burl Haenel

Welcome to a new year. I would like to review the makeup of our "Via Linda District" and let you know the best way to communicate your concerns.

The District is made up of seven squads of patrol officers, each supervised by a sergeant. These are the men and women who are the first responders to your police/public safety requests or calls for service. The Via Linda District is made up of 7 geographical or beat areas. In addition to their squad duties, each squad sergeant is responsible for the coordination of activities in a specific beat area. The sergeants report to one of three Lieutenants who in turn report directly to me. As the District Commander, I am responsible for the quality of service you receive in the Via Linda District.

If you need a police officer immediately or there is an emergency, you should call 9-1-1. Otherwise you can call the non-emergency number at 480-312-5000 and explain your need. In addition, the Department's Website is: [www.scottsdaleaz.gov/lawenforcement](http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/lawenforcement). You may also find information specific to the Via Linda District or District Two, by way of the following link:

[www.scottsdaleaz.gov/lawenforcement/districts/d2.asp](http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/lawenforcement/districts/d2.asp)

There is considerable information on these sites, so feel free to browse. We are in the process of updating much of the information.

Please feel free to send me an e-mail note should you have any concerns, issues or even Atta-Boys regarding your public safety experiences in the Via Linda District.

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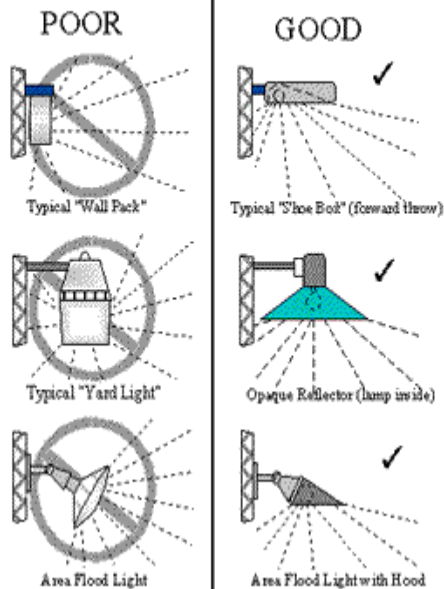
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Please note that light shining without a purpose is not effective for crime prevention nor does it make sense. Lights that illuminate landscaping or shine up a wall may look nice, but do nothing to make the area safer.

Another important consideration is uniformity of the light. If there are pockets of light and then pockets of darkness, you will not feel safer. This is because your eyes must adjust to the varying light levels.

Effective lighting is positioned high (at least 7 feet) and points down to the ground where the light is needed. The globe should not emit glare that blinds the residents. Examples of good light fixtures are found below.

#### EXAMPLES OF SOME COMMON LIGHTING FIXTURES



Incandescent Bulb

vs.



Compact Fluorescent

If you have any questions about crime prevention, please contact Officer Mark Ruffennach at [mruffennach@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:mruffennach@scottsdaleaz.gov) or (480) 312-5696.

## Landlord-Tenant Law

For the last few years, Arizona has become a real estate investor's paradise. With ownership comes the responsibility of being a landlord – screening, maintenance and upkeep. There are laws under Arizona Revised Statutes that can help. Copies of Title 33, Chapter 10 Arizona Residential Landlord and Tenant Act can be acquired by going to [www.azsos.gov](http://www.azsos.gov) or many government offices.

The Arizona Multi-Housing Association will be holding a seminar on the "Arizona Landlord and Tenant Act: What it says and how to use it." This seminar may assist any owner with questions regarding the renting of property. The seminar will be:

Chaparral Suites- 5001 N. Scottsdale Rd.

Thursday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Registration: 8:30 a.m.

Seminar: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The cost of the seminar is \$69.00 for non-members of the AMA and \$49.00 for members. Registration can be completed online at: [www.azama.org](http://www.azama.org)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Jan. 24, 2007**

**Abracadabra . . .** Join us for a unique special event on Wednesday, Jan. 24 as Craig Davis brings his Comedy, Magic and Juggling Show to the Granite Reef Senior Center. Craig, a professional magician, will dazzle the crowd with comical magic and exceptional juggling feats. The show will begin at 12:30 p.m. in Room 2. Admission for the event is one canned food item, which will support Vista del Camino's Food Bank.

## The Scottsdale Police Department



### Wants You!

The Scottsdale Police Department has excellent job opportunities in the following fields:

Police Officer, Police Aide, Communications, Detention Officers, Crime Lab, Records, and Crime Scene Specialists. Visit our website at

[www.Scottsdalepd.com](http://www.Scottsdalepd.com) or contact Officer Greg Carlin at 480-312-5384 or e-mail: [gcarlin@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:gcarlin@scottsdaleaz.gov).